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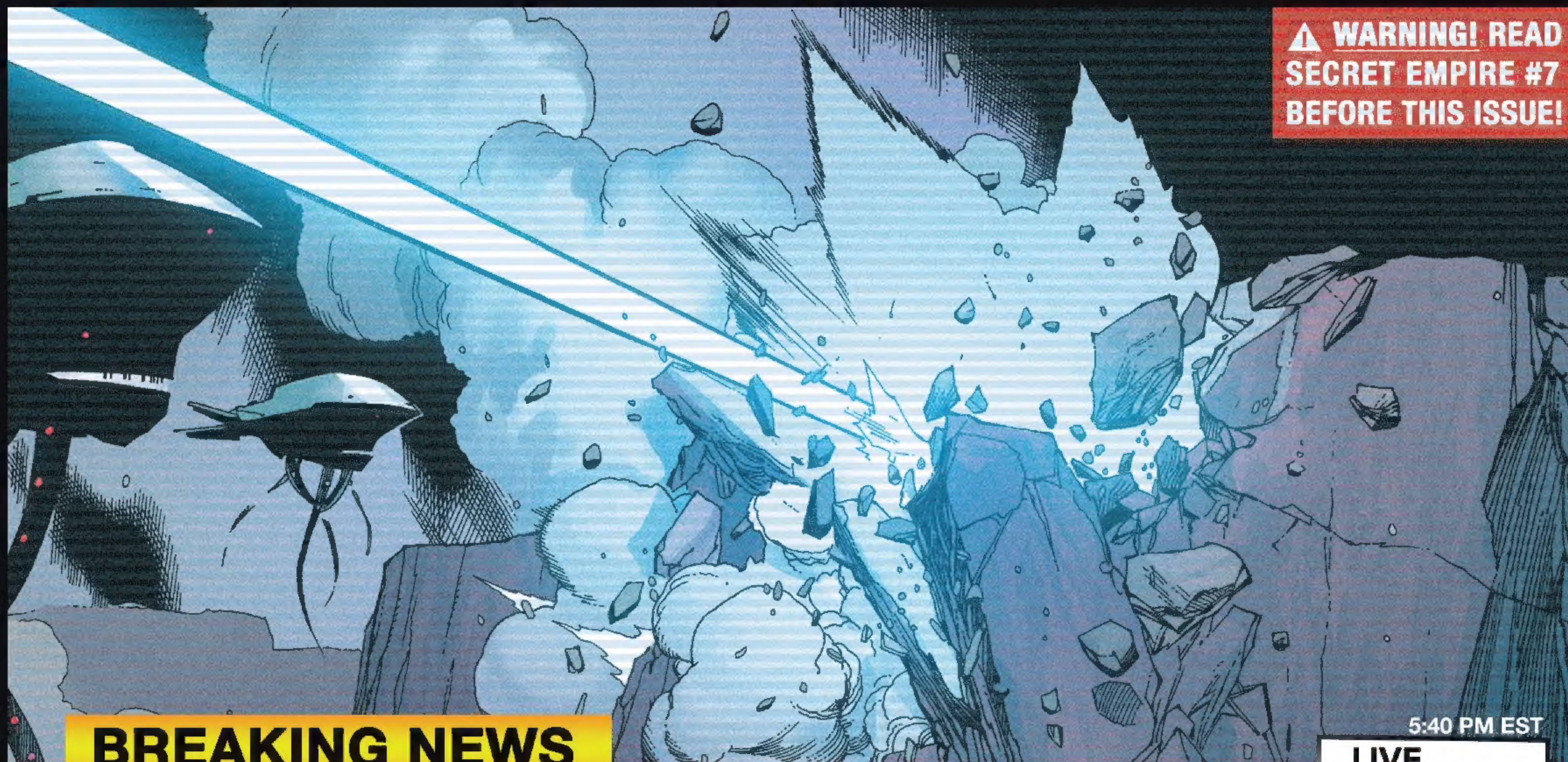
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⚠ **WARNING! READ
SECRET EMPIRE #7
BEFORE THIS ISSUE!**



BREAKING NEWS

HYDRA SUPREME CAPTAIN AMERICA ROUTS UNDERGROUND IN DECISIVE VICTORY

s restores highways... **OTHER NEWS:** Hydra insider reports that Ant-Man betrayed the Underground, leading to their defeat

5:40 PM EST



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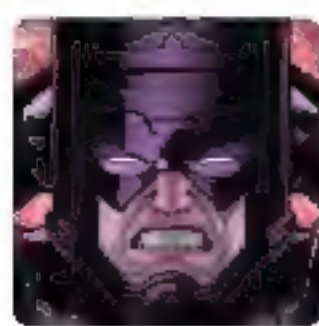
I was Captain America.
Don't know what I am now.



The L.A. Tribune @TheLosAng... 15m
Hydra's Avengers have destroyed a major Underground stronghold in Nevada. Status of possible survivors is unknown.



Harry Hauser @RadioAmer... 21m
Finally, those radical wannabe "freedom fighters" near Vegas are gone! It's a proud day to say "Hail Hydra!"



GALACTUS WAS RIGHT @REDWHITEA... 37m
Heard #FakeCap Sam Wilson and his chick Misty might have gone down with those losers in the Mount. Good riddance!



Tinfoil Hat Podcast @TinfoilHa... 49m
I'm getting reports that most of the people hiding out in the Mount managed to escape, but they're not in good shape...



Tinfoil Hat Podcast @TinfoilHa... 49m
People are hurt, and morale's real low after what just went down at the Capitol Building. Send 'em good vibes, everyone. They'll need it.

Speed Walk

5:40 PM

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SOMETIMES YOU
LOOK AROUND
AT YOUR LIFE
AND YOU ASK
YOURSELF--

--"HOW
DID I GET
HERE?"



I WANTED TO
FIGHT FOR WHAT
WAS RIGHT.



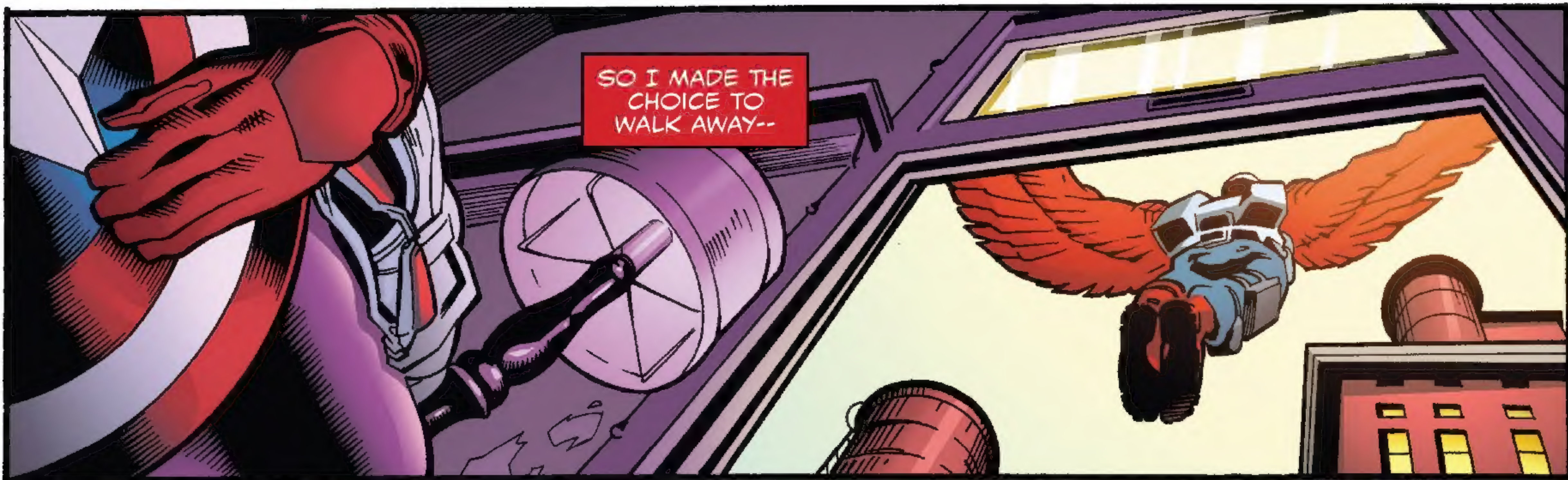
I WANTED TO
STAND UP FOR
WHAT I
BELIEVED IN.



AND I KNEW THAT
IT WOULD NOT BE
EASY. BUT I WILL
ADMIT--



--I NEVER
DREAMED IT
WOULD BE THIS
HARD.



SO I MADE THE
CHOICE TO
WALK AWAY--



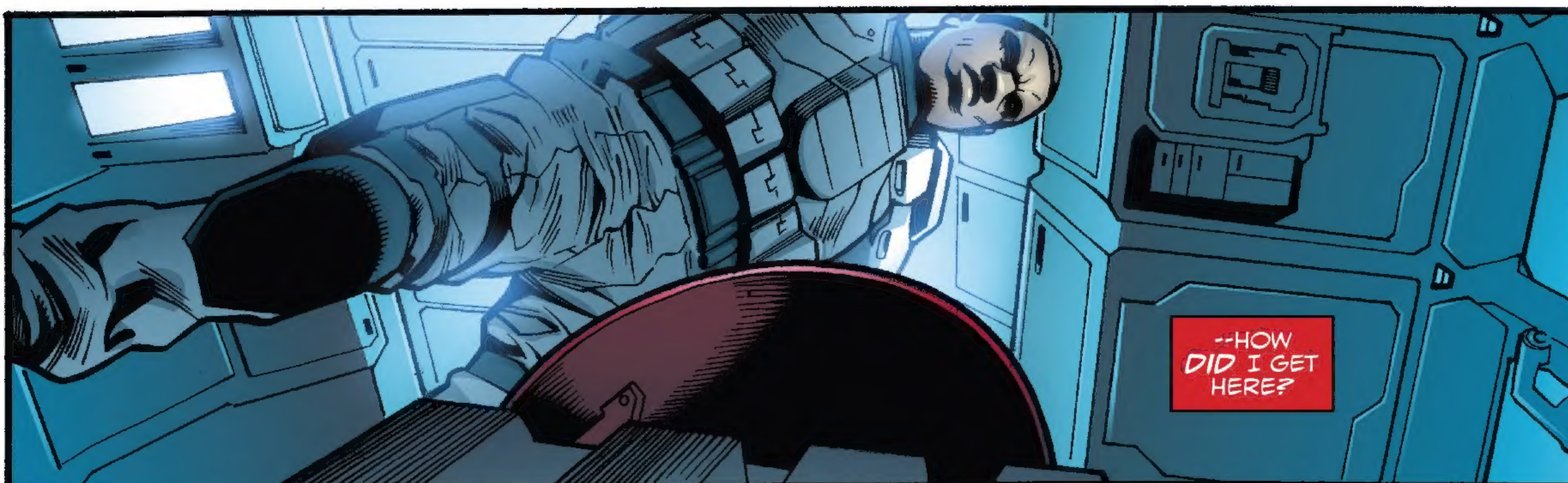
--AND THAT'S
WHEN IT ALL
FELL APART.



WHEN EVERYTHING
I THOUGHT WAS
TRUE TURNED OUT
TO BE A LIE.



NOW THE PEOPLE
I LOVE GET TO
SUFFER FOR THAT.
SO, YEAH--



--HOW
DID I GET
HERE?

WONDER WHAT MY
BROTHER WOULD
SAY NOW.

**WEEKS
AGO.**

I...I
THINK I'M
THINKING ABOUT
GIVING
IT UP.

GIVING
WHAT
UP?

IT, GIDEON.
YOU KNOW
WHAT I'M TALKING
ABOUT. THE **SHIELD**.
THE **COSTUME**. I
DON'T KNOW IF I CAN
DO THIS ANYMORE.
OR EVEN IF I
SHOULD...

I DON'T
KNOW IF IT
MAKES ANY SENSE
FOR ME TO BE
CAPTAIN AMERICA...
NOT NOW.





IT'S NOT A CHOICE YOU CAN LET OTHER PEOPLE OR, GOD ABOVE FORBID, THE **INTERNET**, MAKE FOR YOU.



YOU HAVE GOT TO TRUST **YOURSELF**.
GOD GAVE YOU THAT AMAZING HEART OF YOURS FOR A REASON. AND SO FAR, I THINK IT'S STEERED YOU PRETTY GOOD.



IF IT'S TELLING YOU TO NOT BE CAPTAIN AMERICA ANYMORE, I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE THAT'S WORTH LISTENING TO.



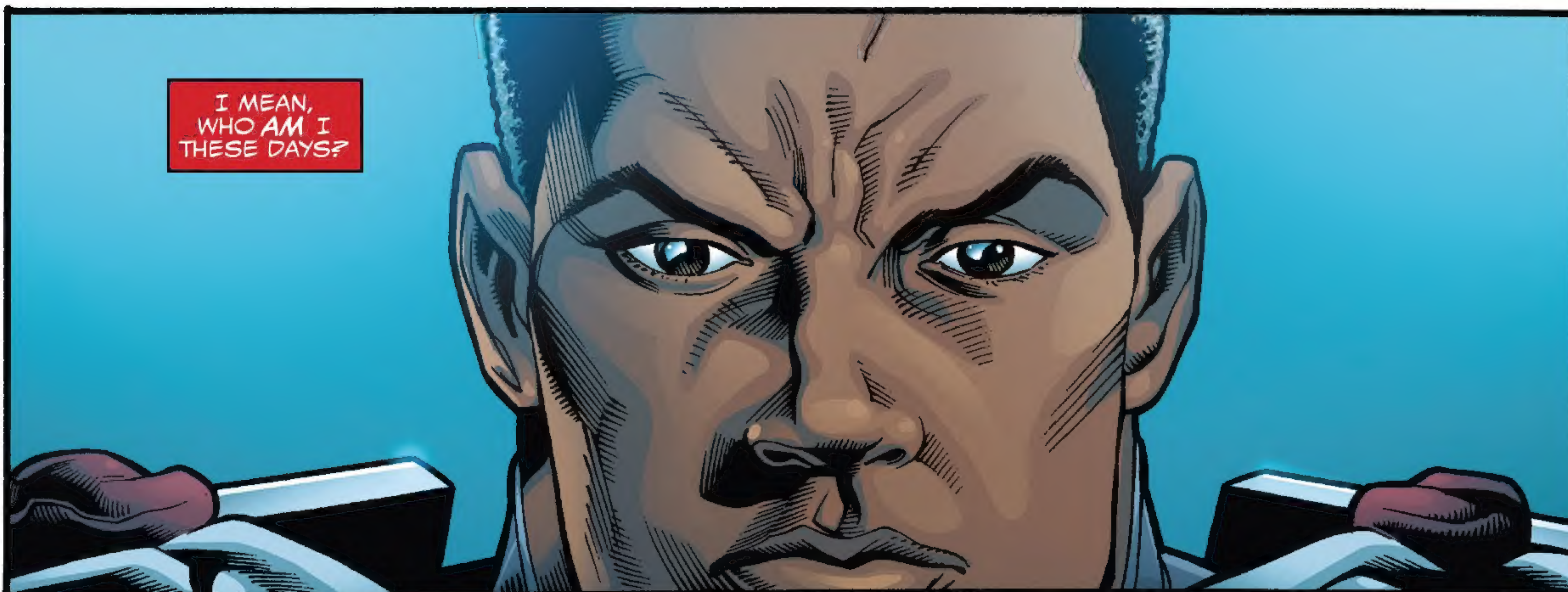
AND AS FAR AS ME BEING ANGRY WITH YOU?
NOT FOR THIS, SAM. NOT FOR DOING WHAT YOU FEEL IS RIGHT. ONLY WAY YOU AND ME EVER HAVE A PROBLEM?



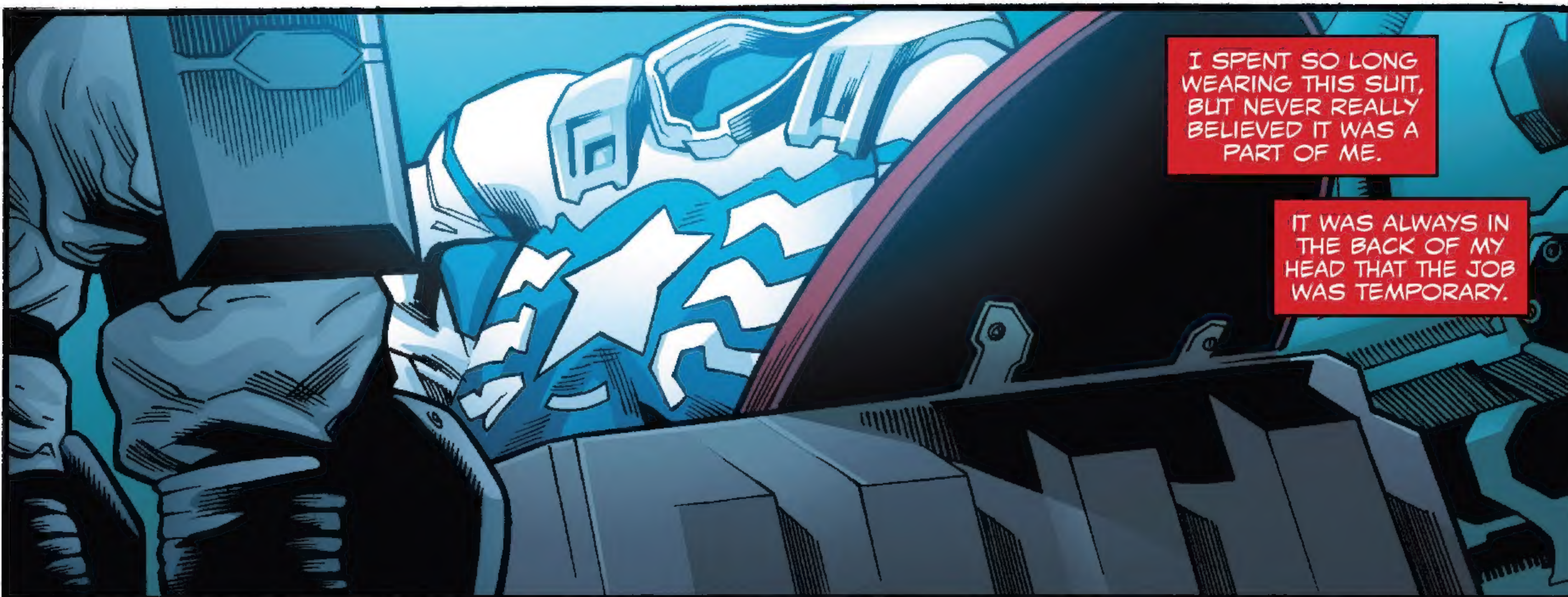
"IS IF YOU EVER GIVE UP ON BEING **SAM WILSON**."



DID I?

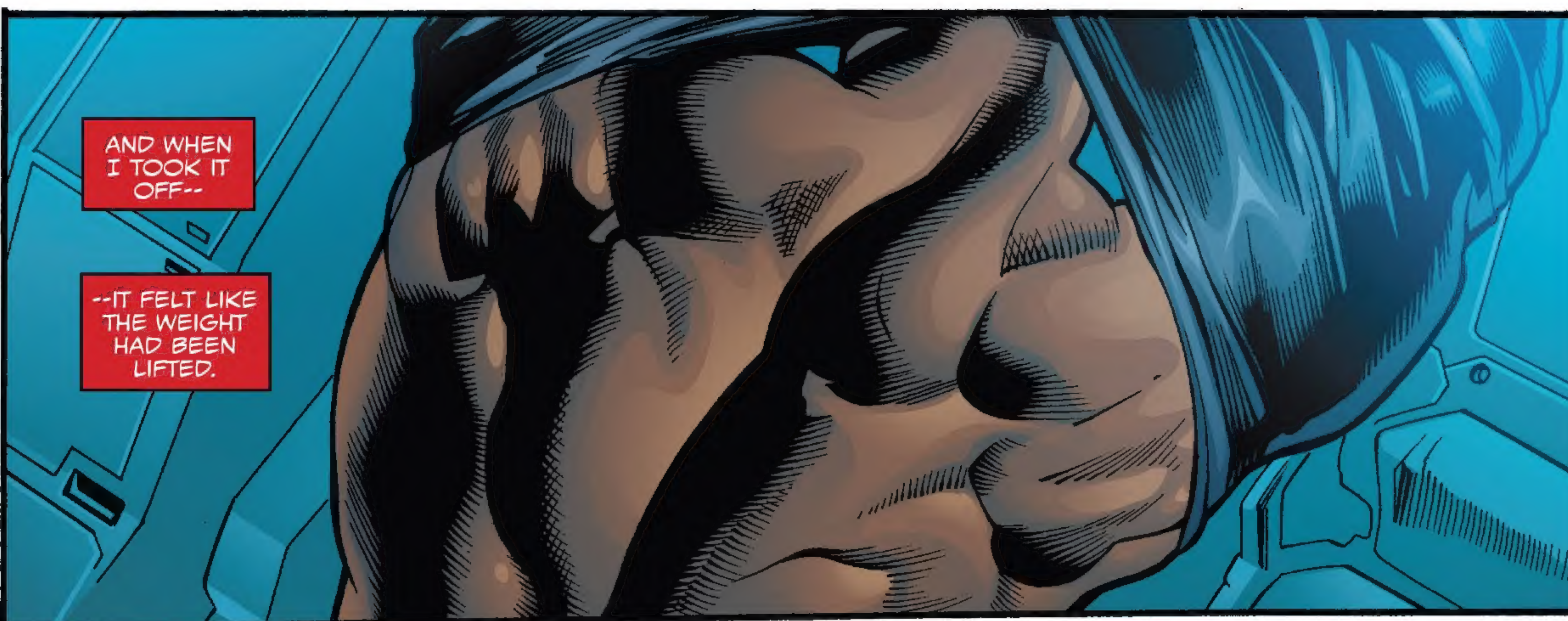


I MEAN,
WHO AM I
THESE DAYS?



I SPENT SO LONG
WEARING THIS SUIT,
BUT NEVER REALLY
BELIEVED IT WAS A
PART OF ME.

IT WAS ALWAYS IN
THE BACK OF MY
HEAD THAT THE JOB
WAS TEMPORARY.



AND WHEN
I TOOK IT
OFF--

--IT FELT LIKE
THE WEIGHT
HAD BEEN
LIFTED.

@#\$%
THAT!





SERIOUSLY,
SAM. @##\$%
THAT! THAT'S
ENOUGH!

THIS IS NONSENSE AND YOU KNOW IT. YOU WANNA LISTEN TO YOUR HEART AND MEDITATE AND CONSULT THE TAROT CARDS, GO AHEAD. BUT--

MISTY.

I'M NOT DONE.

BUT YOU GET IN THE FIGHT WHILE YOU DO IT!

IT'S NOT...THAT'S NOT WHO I AM ANYMORE. I'M NOT--

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

YOU DON'T WANT TO BE SOMETHING TO THE PEOPLE WHO NEED YOU? THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT TO YOU ANYMORE?

THE AVENGERS DON'T NEED ME, I'M--

YOU DON'T...WAIT, DO YOU REALLY THINK I'M TALKING ABOUT THE AVENGERS?

SAM, PEOPLE NEED TO SEE SOMEBODY DRESSED IN THOSE COLORS RIGHT NOW, LEADING THE GOOD FIGHT.

IF YOU REALLY CAN'T SEE THAT...IF YOU REALLY DON'T THINK THAT THE WORLD NEEDS YOU, THEN YOU ARE MORE GONE THAN I EVER KNEW.

WHAT ABOUT WHAT I WANT?

WHAT DO YOU WANT, SAM? WHAT DO YOU NEED?!

I JUST NEED SOME TIME TO--

NO!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

MISTY?

SAM WILSON, I LOVE YOU. I REALLY DO.

BUT I DO NOT GIVE A DAMN ABOUT WHAT YOU THINK YOU NEED RIGHT NOW.



BECAUSE
THIS IS WHAT
WE NEED YOU
TO *BE*.



YOU
WANTED TO
BE A **SOLDIER**.
SOLDIERS DON'T
GIVE UP DURING
WARS, SAM.



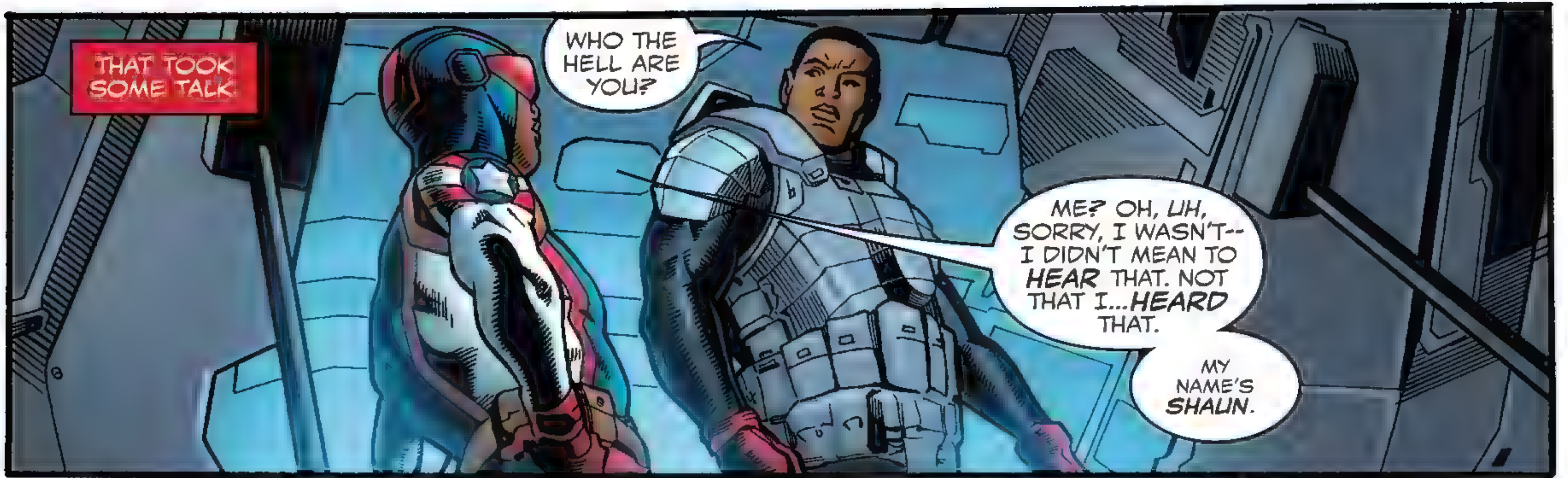
...
I TOLD
YOU TO GIVE
THAT BACK TO
STEVE.



SEEING
HOW THINGS
TURNED OUT,
GOOD THING
I DIDN'T,
RIGHT?



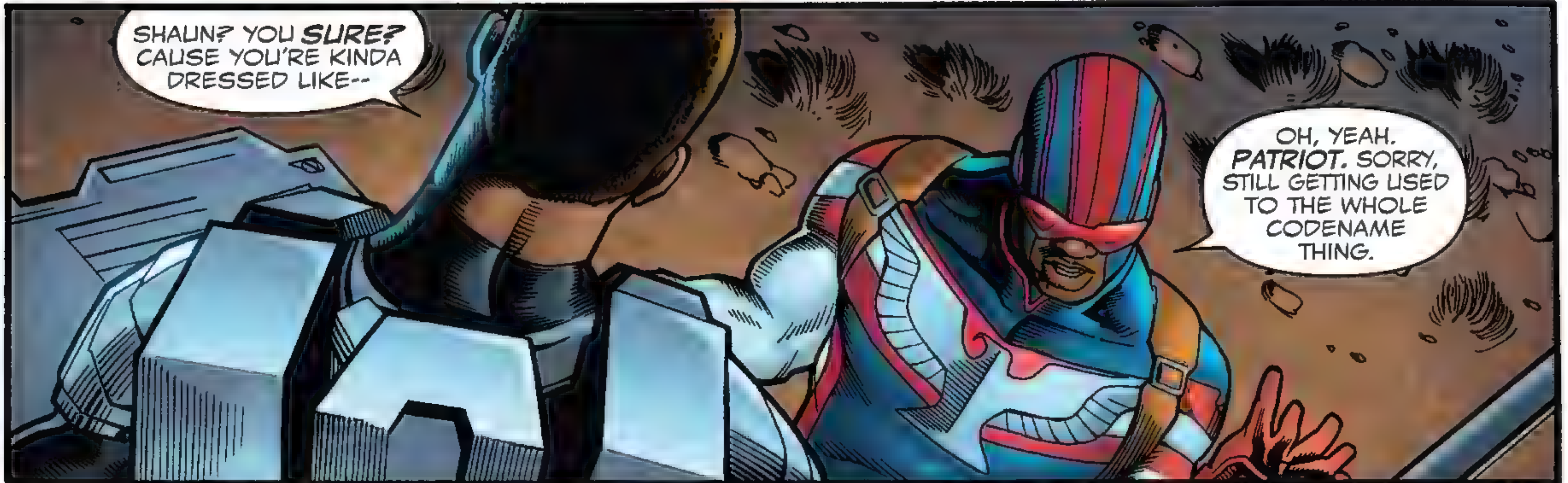




WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

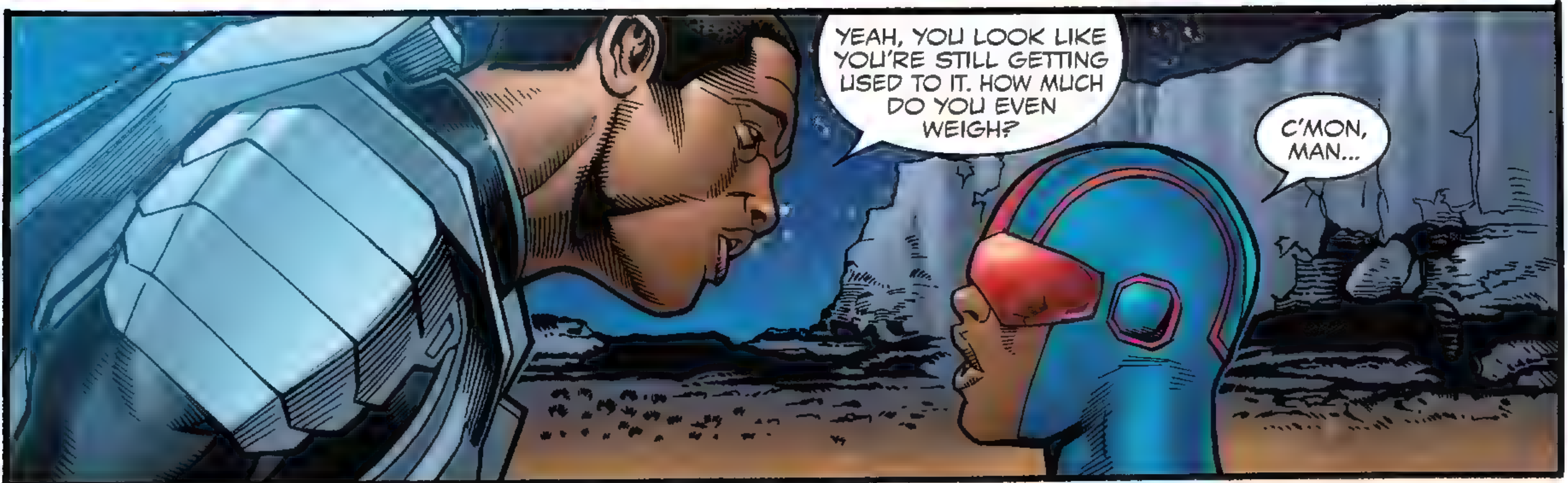
ME? OH, UH, SORRY, I WASN'T-- I DIDN'T MEAN TO HEAR THAT. NOT THAT I...HEARD THAT.

MY NAME'S SHAUN.



SHAUN? YOU SURE? CAUSE YOU'RE KINDA DRESSED LIKE--

OH, YEAH. PATRIOT. SORRY, STILL GETTING USED TO THE WHOLE CODENAME THING.



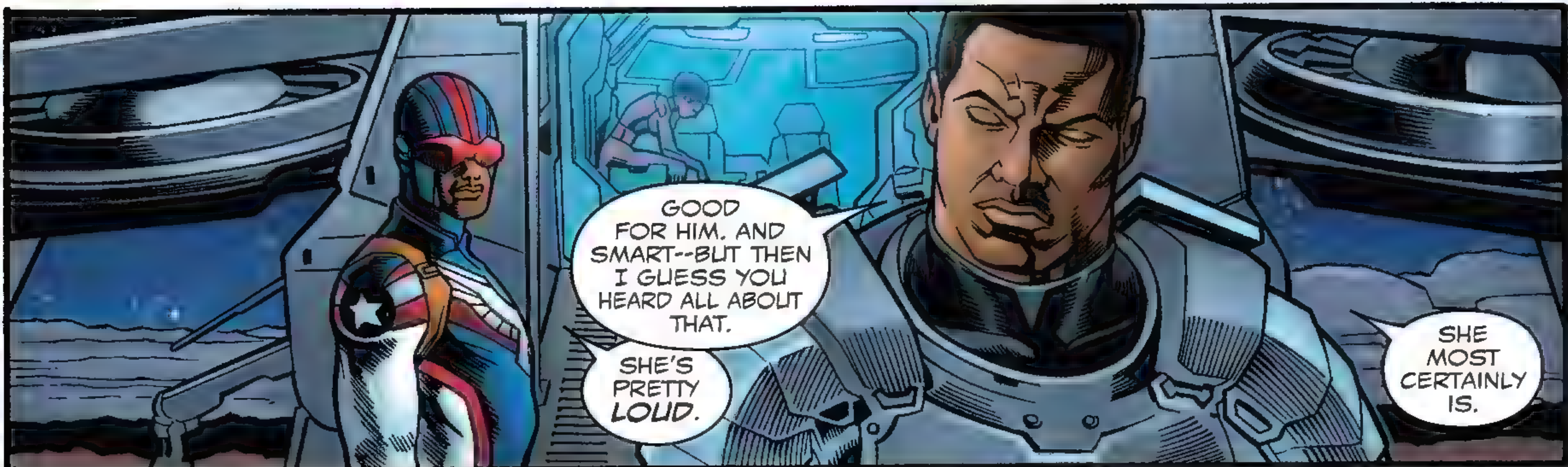
YEAH, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE STILL GETTING USED TO IT. HOW MUCH DO YOU EVEN WEIGH?

C'MON, MAN...



ISN'T THERE ALREADY A PATRIOT?

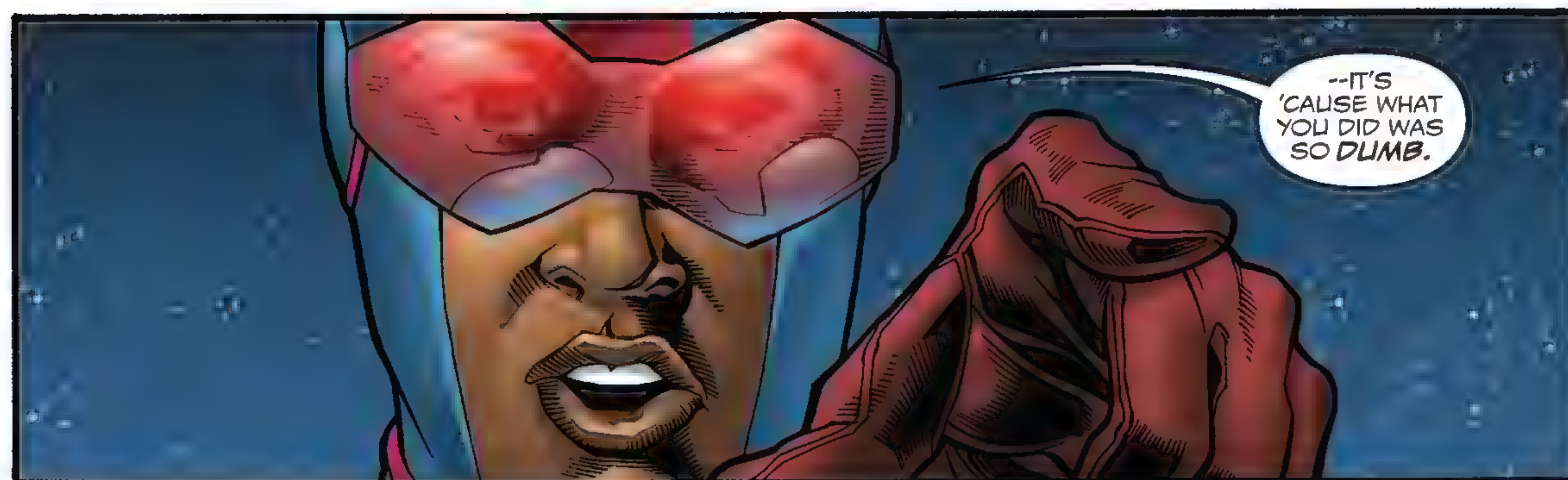
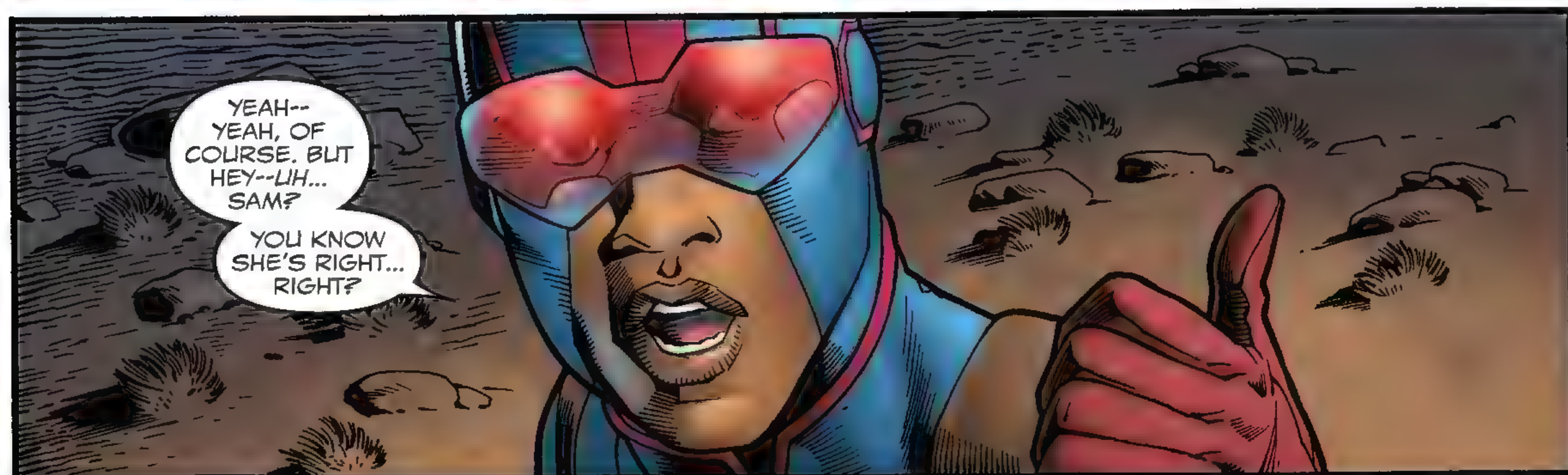
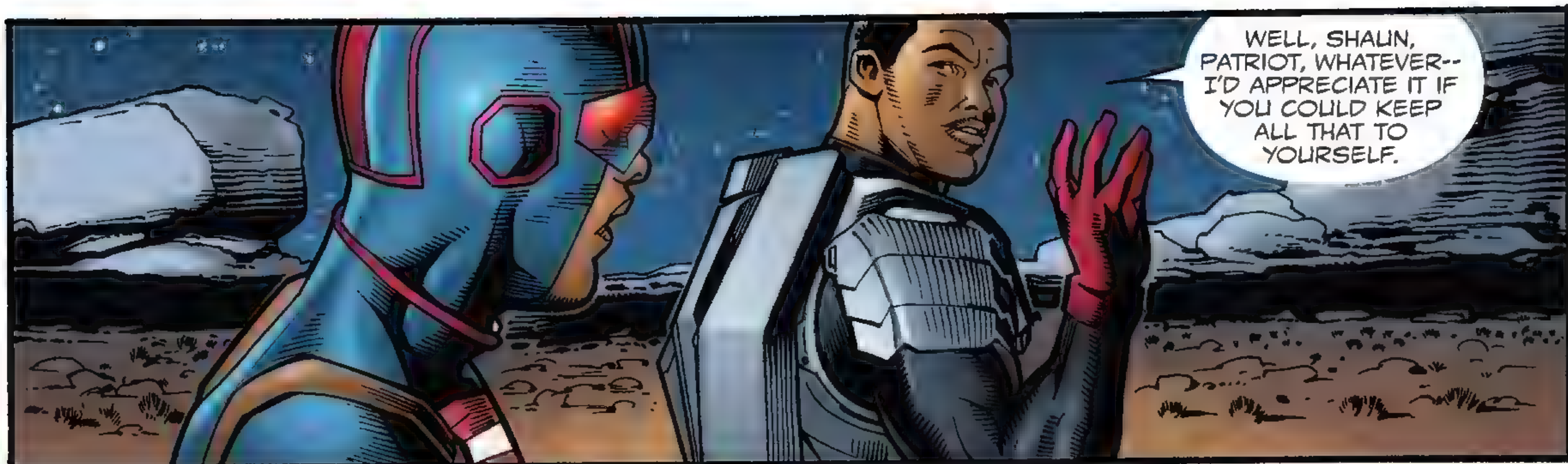
THERE WAS. GAVE IT UP. I EMAILED HIM BACK BEFORE THE TAKE-OVER, SAID HE WAS WORKING VOTER REGISTRATION IN ARIZONA.

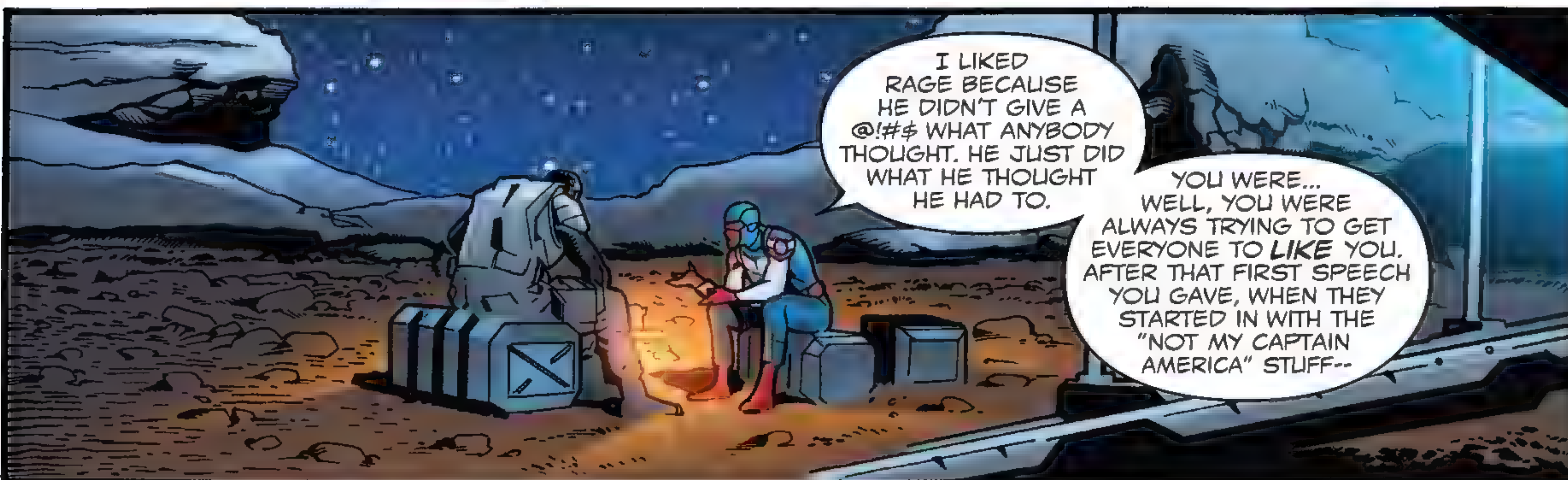
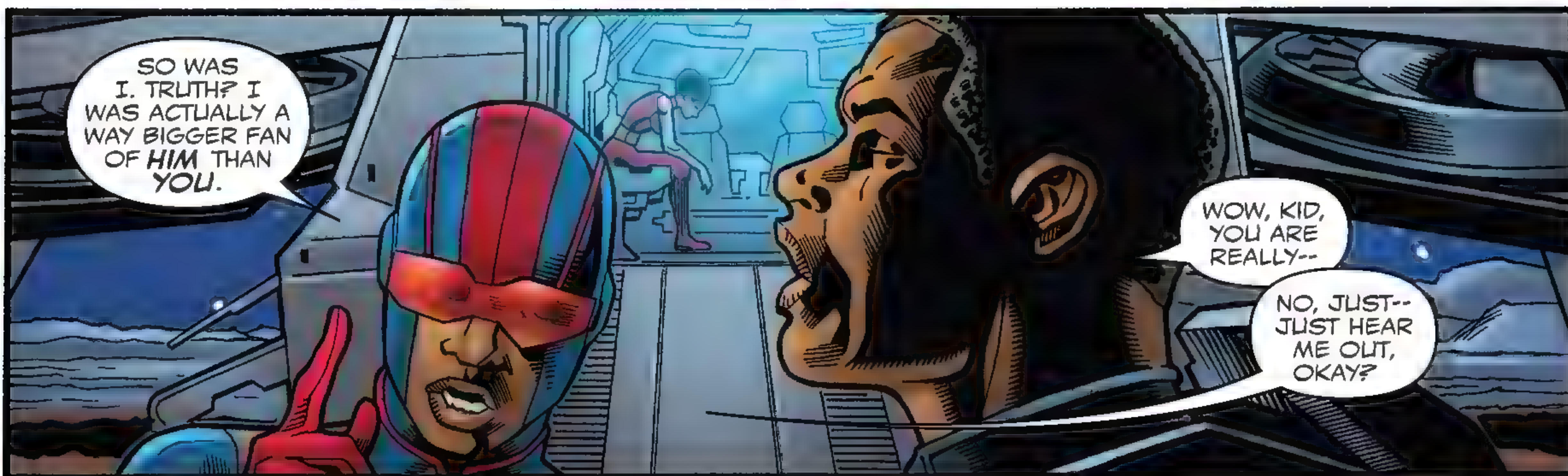
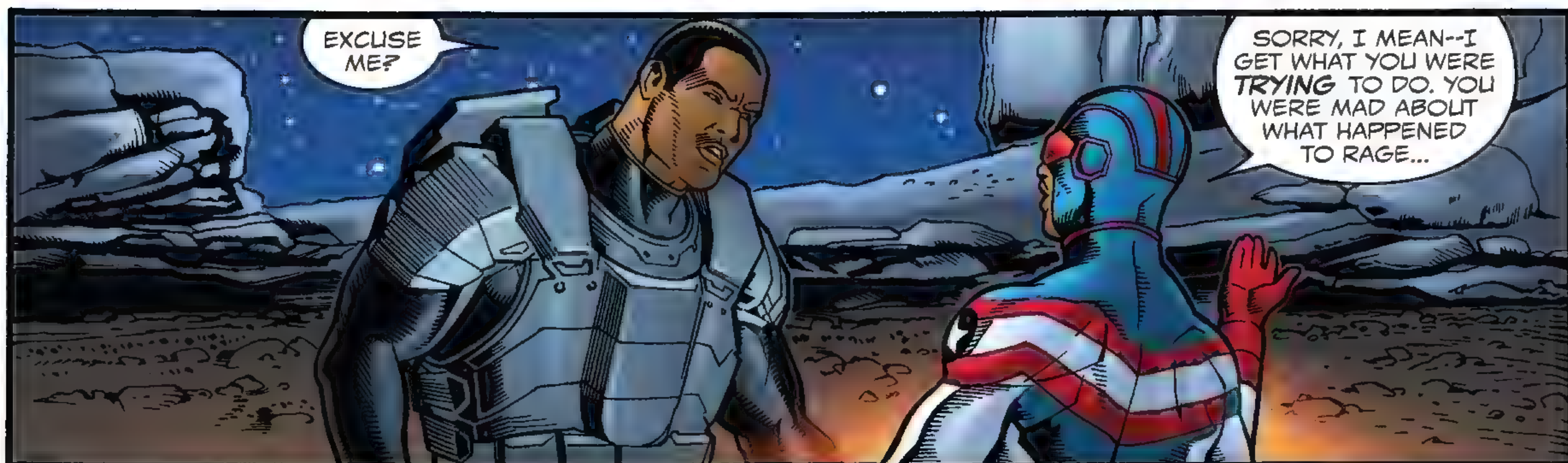


GOOD FOR HIM. AND SMART--BUT THEN I GUESS YOU HEARD ALL ABOUT THAT.

SHE'S PRETTY LOUD.

SHE MOST CERTAINLY IS.







I GET IT, MAN--I REALLY DO. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A PROTEST. AND IT WAS. BUT WHO PAID FOR IT, REALLY?

THE PEOPLE WHO **HATED** YOU, THEY JUST GOT EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANTED--YOU WEREN'T CARRYING THAT SHIELD AROUND ANYMORE--



--BUT THE ONES WHO BELIEVED IN YOU? WHO SUPPORTED YOU?

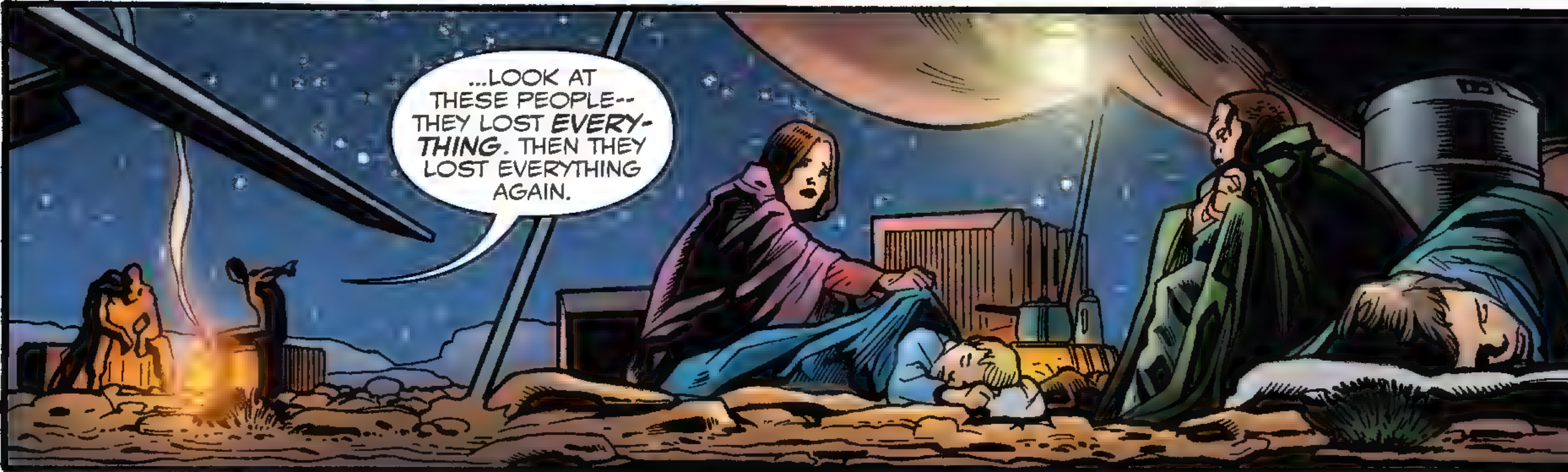
AND WE WERE OUT THERE, EVEN IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THE NUMBERS, YOU KNOW.

AND SURE, YOU WERE DOING OTHER GOOD STUFF AFTER YOU GAVE IT UP, I KNOW THAT, BUT--MAYBE THIS IS WHAT WE NEED NOW.



I'M NOT SAYING YOU GOTTA COME BACK FOR GOOD. I WOULDN'T BLAME ANYBODY FOR NOT WANTING TO DEAL WITH ALL THAT NONSENSE. BUT THIS EXACT MOMENT?

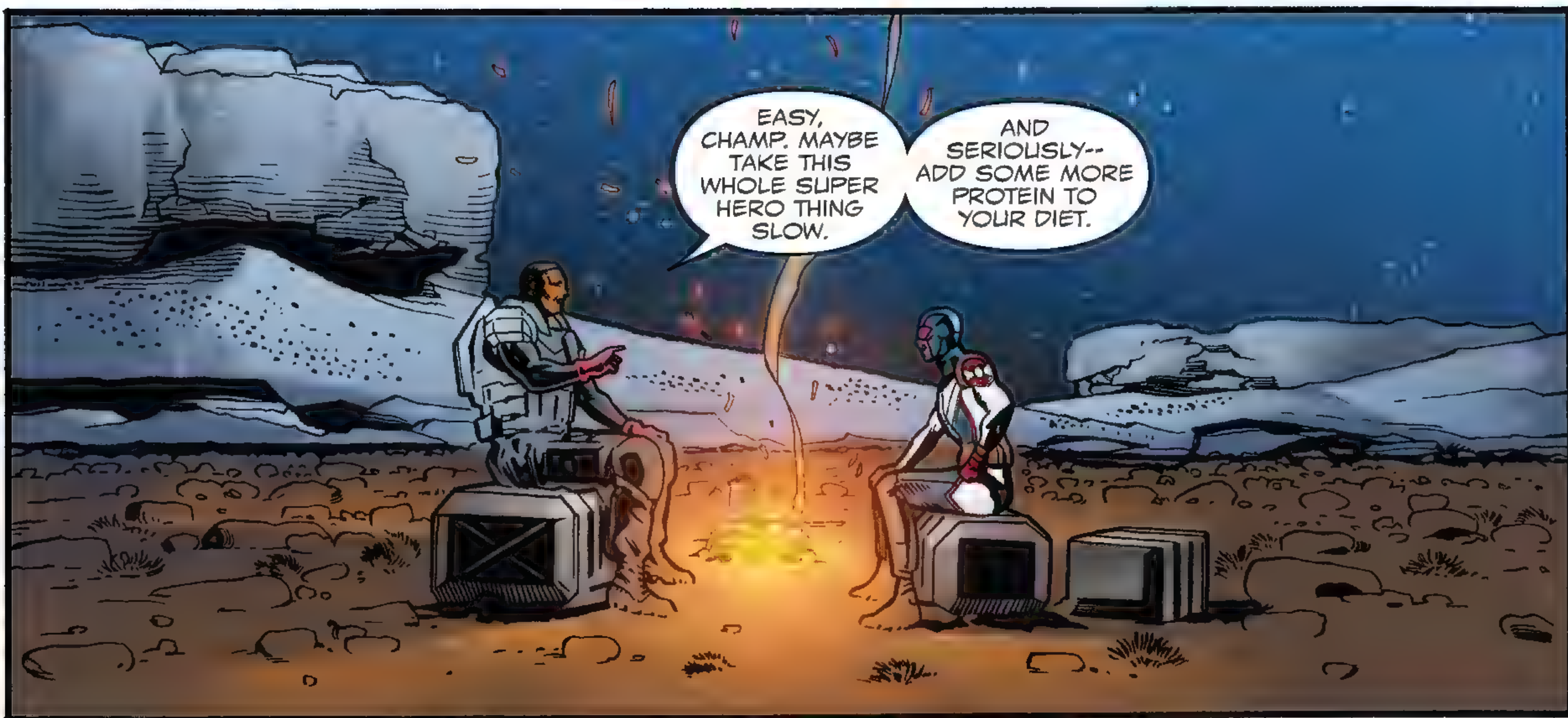
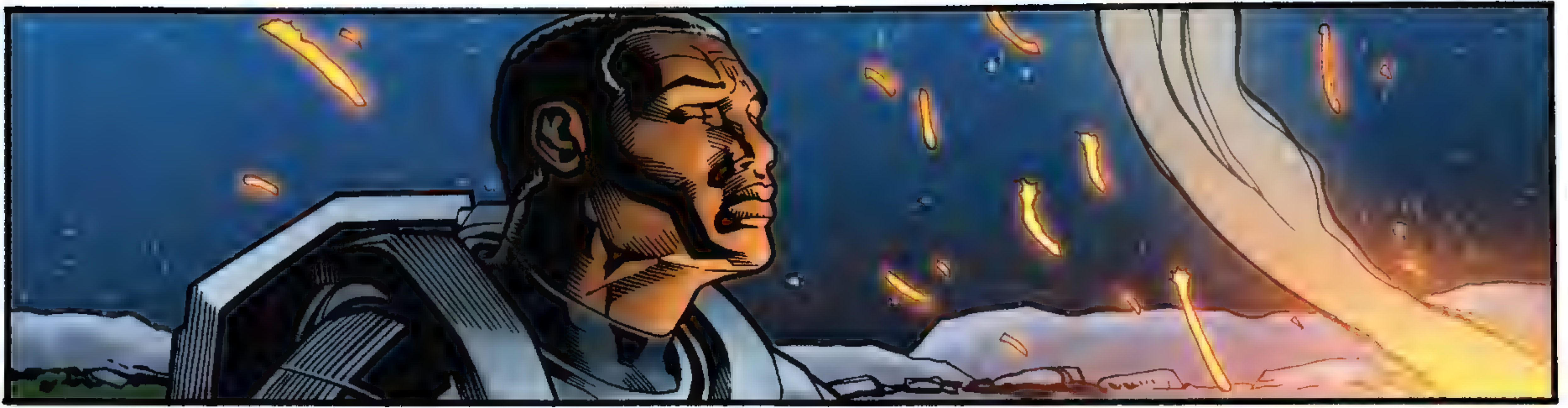
I DUNNO, MAN...



...LOOK AT THESE PEOPLE--THEY LOST **EVERYTHING**. THEN THEY LOST EVERYTHING AGAIN.



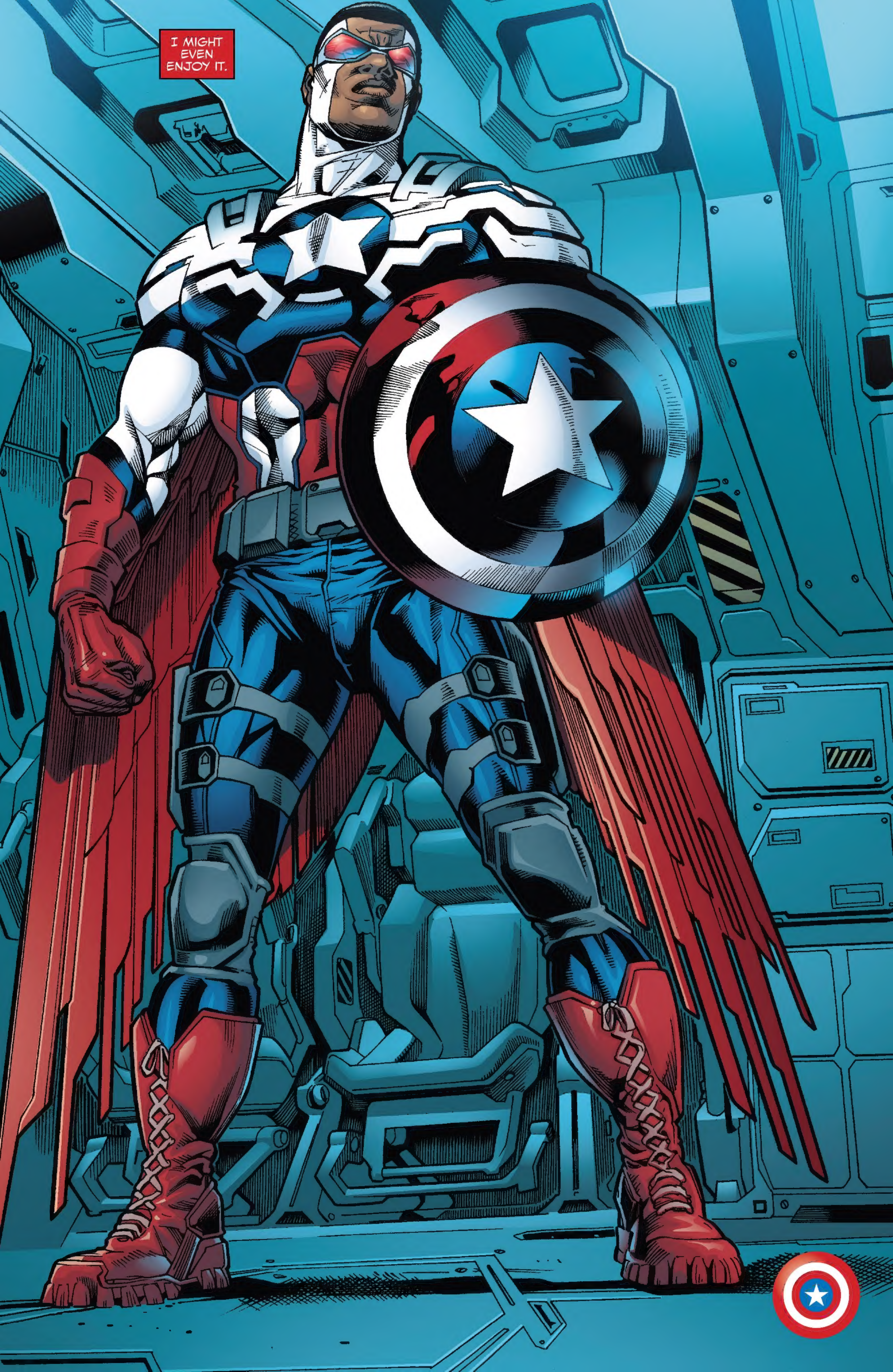
DON'T THEY DESERVE A CAPTAIN AMERICA?







I MIGHT
EVEN
ENJOY IT.



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